



Overview of E2SSB 5763: Omnibus Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Treatment

Presentation to the Joint Executive
Legislative Task Force on Mental
Health Services & Funding
June 21, 2005

Fara Daun, SCS



Bill Covers 6 Major Policy Areas

- Preliminary Steps Toward a Unified ITA
- Maximize Best Practices
- Interaction with Courts & Criminal Justice
- Fill Major Treatment Gaps
- Update and Clarify the Law
- Money



Preliminary Steps Toward a Unified ITA

- 2 Pilot Projects
 - PILOT 1: Combined Crisis Responder & Secure Detox Facility
 - PILOT 2: Chemical Dependency Intensive Case Management
- WSIPP Evaluation
 - Effectiveness
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Whether a unified ITA will be effective



Maximize Best Practices

- Adopt & Implement Comprehensive, Integrated Screening & Assessment Process
 - Mental health, chemical dependency, case-carrying social workers, DOC
- CD Assessments in DCFS Offices for Families Involved with Child Protective Services
- Tie Vendor Rate Increases To The Use Of Best Practices



Interaction with Courts & Criminal Justice

- Creates Civil Therapeutic Courts for Families in Dependency Proceedings
- Clarifies The Authority to Establish Mental Health & Pre-conviction Felony Drug Courts
- Local Jurisdictions May Combine Mental Health & Drug Courts
- JLARC Feasibility Study of Regional Jails for Persons Needing Treatment
- Reduce competency evaluation & restoration waiting times at the state hospitals



Fill Major Treatment Gaps

- Expands Chemical Dependency Treatment
 - Additional chemical dependency treatment for pregnant and parenting mothers and their babies
- New Type of Licensed Facility Called an 'Enhanced Services Facility"
 - For persons with mental disorders who don't need acute care but can't be served in existing settings
 - Both voluntary and involuntary clients



Update and Clarify the Law

- Consolidates Many Existing Client Rights Sections Into One Section
- Consolidates Confidentiality Provisions
- Provides Appropriate Cross-references to Chapter 70.02 RCW & to Other Confidentiality Sections



Money

- County Commissioners May Adopt 1/10 of 1% Local Option Sales Tax
 - New and Expanded Treatment and for Therapeutic Courts for Dependencies
- Funding in the Budget